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CIA ACCUSED OF BEING A MAJOR GUN-RUNNER

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GUEST: GEORGE THAYER - Author of The War Business

HOST: DENNIS WHOLEY

GEORGE THAYER: ...Gun-runners today work for governments. The biggest gun-runners in the world today are intelligence agencies of the governments, the CIA, MI-5...

DENNIS WHOLEY: Let's talk about those for a minute. How does CIA fit into all of this?

THAYER: Well, CIA buys an awful lot of weapons which are known as clean weapons. They don't want anybody to know where these weapons come from. We armed the Bay of Pigs--

WHOLEY: Where do they get them?

THAYER: They buy them secretly through private dealers.

WHOLEY: From whom?

THAYER: Well, to take a good case, we--the U.S. government sold a surplus--after the Second World War--some surplus M-1 Garands, the old Second World War infantry rifle. They sold them to the Dutch. The Dutch kept them for 15 years, used them in their army and then they found they were obsolete. So the United States government, through Sam Cummings of Inner Arms, buys them secretly back.

WHOLEY: What was the man's name?

THAYER: Sam Cummings of Inner Arms. It's legitimate. It's